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TAGS: OEXC ES (MELENDEZ, CARLOS EDUARDO)  
SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM

REF: A-8585

PART I: NOMINATION, JUSTIFICATION

1. NAME: CARLOS EDUARDO MELENDEZ TITLE: COL.

2. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS:

PRESENT: A) MEMBER, PRESIDENTIAL HIGH LEVEL COMMISSION FOR  
NATIONA AFFAIRS.  
B) MEMBER OF THE REORGANIZING COMMISSION  
FOR UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS.  
C) DELEGATE FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ON THE  
BORDER DEMARCATION COMMISSION OF THE MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

PAST: MILITARY ATTACHE FROM EL SALVADOR TO ITALY.

3. PERSONAL DATA: BORN AUGUST 22, 1934, SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR  
PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: SALVADORAN SEX: MALE MARRIED  
CHILDREN: ONE DAUGHTER  
ADDRESS: URB. VISTA HERMOSA, CALLE CONACASTE NO. 148, SAN SALVADOR  
EL SALVADOR, C.A.  
EMERGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS: SRA. RUTH EUGENIA ORANTES DE MELENDEZ  
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SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE, WIFE.

4. TRAVEL ABROAD: TO US: 1971-72, ON YEAR, TO STUDY.  
TO OTHER COUNTRIES: 1959-60, TWO YEARS TO  
TO STUDY.  
1965-68, 3-1/2 YEARS TO  
ITALY TO WORK AND STUDY.

5. PREVIOUS U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT: APPROXIMATELY 26 WEEKS DURING  
1971-72 FOR LANGUAGE TRAINING (15 WEEKS) AT LACKLAND AIR FORCE  
BASE IN TEXAS AND THE SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICER INTELLIGENCE COURSE  
(11 WEEKS) IN ARIZONA. THIS PROGRAM CAME UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

6. ESCORT SERVICES: FIFTEEN WEEKS OF LANGUAGE TRAINING DOES NOT  
MAKE A LINGUIST. WHILE COL. MELENDEZ CAN HANDLE ENGLISH PRETTY  
WELL UNDER MOST CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS OUR JUDGEMENT THAT HE SHOULD  
HAVE AN ESCORT INTERPRETER.

7. THE CANDIDATE HAS VISA ELIGIBILITY.

8. REASON OR NOMINATION: COL. MELENDEZ IS AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF  
SEVERAL EXTREMELY IMPORTANT POLICY MAKING COMMITTEES OF THE SAL-  
VADORAN GOVERNMENT. HE RANKS PROMINENTLY ON THE POST LEADER  
LIST. IT IS OUR JUDGEMENT THAT HE WILL ASSUME EVEN MORE IMPORTANT  
POSITIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

9. POST OBJECTIVES OF US VISIT: WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPOSE THE CANDI-  
DATE TO AN OPEN, DEMOCRATIC, PLURALISTIC SOCIETY WHICH PLAYS AN  
ACTIVE ROLE ON THE WORLD SCENE WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY TOLERATING  
DIVERGENT VIEWS WITHIN ITS SOCIETY AND GOVERNMENT.

10. POST ESTIMATE OF NOMINEE'S AVAILABILITY DATES FOR US  
PROGRAM:  
COL. MELENDEZ IS FREE TO TRAVEL AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONVENIENCE.  
NOTE: COL. MELENDEZ RANKED HIGH ON THE EMBASSY'S SELECTION COMMITTEE  
LIST FOR FY 1976 BUT WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM OUR I.V.  
NOMINATION LIST (SAN SALVADOR 2795). THIS INCLUSION WILL NOT  
INCREASE OUR I.V. GRANTS BUDGETED FOR FY 1976.  
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